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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

**Election/Restriction**

Applicant's election of Group I in the reply filed on March 10, 2005 is acknowledged. Because Applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 11-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected claims, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on March 10, 2005.

**Claims Pending**

Claims 1-10 will be examined on the merits.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

The Winter *et al.* duplicate has been lined through.

**Claim Objections**

Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: the comma in claim 6, line 2 should be removed. Appropriate correction is required.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112**

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Written Description

The claims are drawn to the family *Euphorbacea* and methods of extracting the claimed Croton plant. In analyzing whether the written description requirement is met for genus claims, it is determined whether a representative number have been described. In this case, the one disclosed embodiment is not representative of the enormous number of plants claimed. *Euphorbacea* contains thousands of different plants species. The specification only provides plants of the genus Croton. Therefore, Applicant is not in possession of the claimed plant at the time this application was filed and lacks an adequate written description.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation “the lipophilic components” in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

In claim 1 appears that there is no step for separating hydrophilic constituents and lipophilic components after evaporation. The extracted lipohilic components are still with the hydrophilic constituents. Is this what Applicant intends? Clarification is needed.

In claim 1, lines 6 and 7, the term “substantially” is indefinite because it is not clear what is encompassed by this term. Clarification is needed.

In claim 1, Applicant disclose “evaporating the organic layer.” This appears that Applicant is removing the layer that contains the components they want. This conflict is unclear because it is not known what is encompassed. Clarification is needed.

In claim 2, the recitation “at least partially” is indefinite because it is not clear what is encompassed by this recitation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tempesta (US 5,494,611) and Nkiliza (US 5,928,646).

Tempesta (US 5,494,611) discloses extracting proanthocyanidins from *Croton* species (column 8, lines 25-27). The *Croton* latex was subjected to partitioning by ethyl acetate and water (column 10, lines 38-39). It was also extracted with isopropanol and evaporated to dryness by in vacuo (column 13, lines 45-56). Tempesta also disclose the wavelength range between from 202 nm to 600 nm (column 1-3). Tempesta does not disclose using a drying agent such as magnesium sulfate or sodium sulfate.

Nkiliza (US 5,928,646) disclose extracting proanthocyanidins using methanol ethyl acetate and drying agents such sodium sulphate and magnesium sulphate (column 1, lines 12-14; column 3, lines 4-10).

Therefore, a person of ordinary skill in the art would reasonably expect that the solvents and drying agents used in the proanthocyanidin extraction of Nkiliza could be used in the proanthocyanidin extraction of Tempesta. Based on this reasonable expectation of success, a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to make these modifications to Tempesta.

Summary

No claim is allowed.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Susan B. McCormick-Ewoldt whose telephone number is (571)

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272-0981. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell, can be reached on (571) 272-0974. The official fax number for the group is (571) 273-8300.

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